

March 7, 2022

Re: SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I have owned and enjoyed a Short Term rental in Cove Beach since 1992.

I am in support of the staff recommendation to revise Article 4, LAWDUC, to allow short-term rental uses as a Type I use in residential zones.

My house was used as a seasonal rental when I purchased it 30 years ago. Airbnb, VRBO etc. have increased visibility but prior to that it was Oregonian ads or Craigslist. Cove Beach has historically been a community of part time owners who also rent their home to others who want to enjoy time at the coast. The change has not been an increase in STR, the change has been an increase in full time residents who want to create a private community and a private beach.

Please note that many of the STR opponents, such as Jason Stegner, Beth Radich, Charles Dice, Paul and Susan Paduano purchased their properties in recent history. As part of their due diligence they should have been aware that there were adjacent pre-existing STR. To complain now and try to eliminate the right I have to rent my house is unjust.

In closing, I urge you to protect the rights of the STR owners – we are an important part of the community.

Sincerely,

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